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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS AND MINING

Dear Mr. Sagers:

On March 1, 2002 we received your plan of operations for proposed mining activities at Clarks Basin, T13S, R16W, Sections 1, 2, and 11 within the Raft River Division of the Sawtooth National Forest.

We have reviewed your plan of operations in accordance with 36 CFR 228 Subpart A and we have found that it is not a complete plan of operations. We will need the following information before your plan can be reviewed to determine if it is complete:

1. A revised 7.5' U.S.G.S. topographic map must be included showing mining claim boundaries, proposed access across U.S.F.S., an accurate map outlining proposed disturbance at each location including acres to be disturbed, and a description of each site showing quarry, loading, and work areas. You may also want to include on your map pre-existing disturbance within your claim boundaries. You had mentioned in a meeting at the site in September 2001 that work done by Interstate Stone in September 2000 might have been done on your claims. You may want to include this disturbance on your map so that it is documented in your plan of operations that this work was done by Interstate Stone.
2. We will need more information on your proposed operations including a more detailed season of use addressing road maintenance concerns during early spring or late fall when the road surfaces may be wet, the hours of operation per day, estimated number of workers on site, and the number of loads of stone removed per day. We will also need to know if equipment would be stored on site overnight or for extended periods and if workers would travel to the site each day or stay on site overnight. If they stay on site overnight we will need to know what type accommodations they would have. Other issues that need to be addressed in your plan include fueling of equipment, trash disposal, fire protection measures, and whether explosives would be used during operations. Also of concern is the possibility that your operations could impact access to the area and that road maintenance may be necessary.
3. We will need clarification on whether your operations would be for surface stone only or if quarrying would be done. If quarries are developed we will need the size of and layout for each quarry, estimated depth, and a description of what would be done with the waste rock. It is unclear from your plan what the total length of this project

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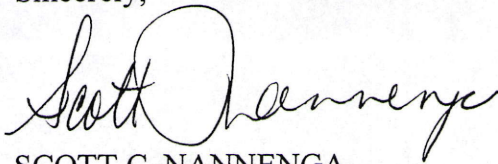


would be. To adequately determine possible impacts from your operations, we will need a more accurate estimated project life based on the amount of material available at these sites.

4. We will need further clarification on reclamation especially if quarries are developed. What will be done with waste rock? Would it be recontoured or spread in place or placed back into the quarry. Would all sites be used at the same time or would they be sequential?

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Steve Flock, Minerals Management Specialist, at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Scott C. Nannenga". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

SCOTT C. NANNENGA  
Burley/Twin Falls District Ranger

Enclosures:

1. U.S.G.S. 7.5' Topographic Map
2. U.S.F.S. Plan of Operations Form

cc. Lynn Kunzler (w/o enclosures)  
State of Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining